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SUBJ: TIN MEETING OF INTERIM COMMITTEE AND SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE
CHAIRMAN FOR FIFTH ITA

REFS: (A) LONDON 3608, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 772

1. K.D. CONNELL, RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC TIN
CONSOLIDATED CORP. (A U.S. COMPANY) AND MEMBER LOCAL
PUBLICITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF TIN INDUSTRY'S (R AND D)
BOARD, CALLED ON US IN THIS LATTER CAPACITY AT THE REQUEST
OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES PAUL LEONG. CONNELL
SAID THAT GOM HAD BEEN INFORMED BY R.D. COURSEN, DIRECTOR OF
MALAYAN TIN BUREAU IN WASHINGTON THAT U.S. INDUSTRY POSITION
ON SENATE RATIFICATION OF ITA LIKELY BECOME LESS FAVORABLE IF
PETER LAI WERE TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN FIFTH ITA. GOM,
CONCERNED ABOUT THIS REPORT, WISHES TO ASSURE USG THAT
SUPPORT OF PETER LAI INDICATED NO GOM DISAPPROVAL OF ALLEN'S
PERFORMANCE AND THAT ALLEN'S ACTION IN DISMISSING BUFFER STOCK
MANAGER AND DEPUTY NOT A FACTOR IN GOM POSITION.

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2. GOM IS PUSHING LAI CANDIDACY FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) MALAYSIA, THE LARGEST PRODUCER, HAS NEVER HELD SENIOR POSITION IN ITA'S.

(B) PETER LAI HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN AREA COMMODITIES INCLUDING CHAIRMANSHIP RECENT COCOA EFFORTS.

(C) AS MAJOR PRODUCER OF SEVERAL COMMODITIES, MALAYSIA WISHES TO DEVELOP EXPERIENCE IN BUFFER STOCK MANAGEMENT.

(D) MALAYSIA HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED JUDICIOUS, EVEN-HANDED POSITION IN THESE MATTERS AND U.S. INDUSTRY HAS NO REASON FOR CONCERN IF PETER LAI ELECTED. CONNELL EMPHASIZED THAT GOM INTENDS PRESS LAI'S CANDIDACY.

4. COMMENT: PRESENT MALAYSIAN POSITION ON SACKING OF BUFFER STOCK MANAGER AND DEPUTY DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT REPORTED EARLIER IN KL 772.
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